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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Doug Jensen, Reclamation Specialist *D. Jensen*

RE: Site Inspection, Western States Mineral Corporation, Drum Mine, M/027/007, Millard County, Utah

Date of Inspection: January 30, 2002
Time of Inspection: 9:30 a.m.
Conditions: Clear, cold & windy
Participants: Buzz Gerick, Jim Ashton, Western States; Bob Moore, Rancho Equipment; Larry Garahana, BLM; & Doug Jensen, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To discuss the final closure of partially closed adits in the bottom of the SWEX Pit.

Observations:

The area to the north and above the adits appears to have remained stable since the fall of 2000 when Western States had attempted to close these adits. However the slide on the southeast wall of the pit has continued to move. This area is very unstable and it was stressed that no work should be attempted below the slide area. There is some rubble above one of the openings; this material will be directly above the equipment while it is working in this area. It will take some finesse' on Rancho's part when working in this area to keep from destabilizing the rubble.

It was decided that, if possible, the material that will be used to close the openings would be taken from material that remains in the bottom of the pit. If there is not enough material available in this area, and as an alternate, additional material will be mined from LG-2 dump located near the road entering the pit.

A road will need to be pioneered to the SWEX pit to allow Rancho to get its equipment to the work site. This road will also be used by Rancho to transport fuel and personnel to the bottom of the pit. The road will be ripped and seeded when the work on the adits has been completed. A map is attached indicating the proposed road and alternate borrow area.

It was stressed that operator safety, during the closure of the adits, is paramount and care should be taken while working in this area.

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The slide area located on the southeast wall of the pit, near the adits, is continuing to move. While the toe of this slide is in close proximity, none of the work required to close the adits will place the operators directly below the slide area.

Rancho estimated ten days to two weeks to complete this work. They stated that the work would start on Monday February 4th, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The work outlined should complete the closure of these open adits and remove the concern of people having access to these dangerous workings. Larry stated that a person had come into his office and stated that he had recently entered one of the open adits. This points out the need to complete this project to stop people from entering these unsafe areas.

I have tentatively scheduled an inspection trip to the site on February 19th to inspect the work done to that point. This schedule could change depending on how the work goes.

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Attachment: Map

cc: Buzz Gerick, Western States
Larry Garahana, BLM, Filmore FO
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DRUM PROJECT: FINAL RECLAMATION & SWEX PIT ADIT CLOSURE

